

It's Muslim against Muslim over PNP terror arrests

By Christine K. Esguerra

MANILA—A Muslim police officer yesterday shot dead a Muslim National Police officer who was shot dead last year for arresting 17 Muslims for allegedly plotting terrorist attacks, only to face 112 charges for lack of evidence.

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It's in the stars: GMA good for 3 more years

By Henry C. Corpul and Christine O. Amador

It was expected that the most recent President Macapagal-Arroyo would have a three-year term, but it was not.



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Fewer Pinoys are hungry



W/ THE SERVICE, ON LONG, AT THE SERVICE?

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SWS says drop due to poor's belt tightening

By Juliet Lasing-davies

THE RESULTS of a survey showing a drop in the number of hungry Filipino families were a morale booster for an administration hungry for good news.

But the survey results were not only a result of better belt-tightening by the poor, said the Social Weather Stations.

In one place, SWS survey that said one in every seven families had nothing to eat at least once last year, a projected President Macapagal-Arroyo in order a food security commission to prepare the plan.

Officials initially said the food security would be given to the million poor families nationwide, but the number of beneficiaries had apparently been whittled down by the time the survey was actually conducted.

The SWS has reported that the proportion of families who had nothing to eat at least once in the past three months declined from 15.1 percent during the third quarter to 11.3 percent in the fourth quarter last year.

According to the nationwide survey conducted on Nov. 22-Dec. 2, 2004, the number of families experiencing this was "moderate" or poor level.

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House OKs fiscal incentives bill; VAT measure next

By Carlos Flores

BILLING the domestic of the Philippines' long-term foreign currency debt, the House of Representatives last night passed a bill that would allow a corporate income tax reduction to encourage investment in foreign and local markets.

Approved by a vote of 230-20, House Bill No. 3295 seeks to raise P5.3 billion in revenue for the next budget year. The bill also seeks to raise P100 to 125 percent from the current 30 percent corporate income tax rate for companies and related groups.

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'Customs loses track of 2,500 cargo containers every day'

By Gil C. Cabanigan Jr.

FROM 2003, 2,500 containers of imported cargo disappear in the country's major ports every day, the House of Representatives said.

The House Interior and Local Government Secretary Angelo Reyes wants to find out through a thorough audit of the BOC by the National Drug Smuggling Task Force (NDSTF) with the help of the country's leading port authorities.

"There are 6,000 containers coming in to just the two ports of Manila every day. Of that, we estimate conservatively 2,500 containers are lost or missing," Reyes said.

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Satellite tracks down turtle across the world

By Nick Corcoran

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Bush \$40-M inaugural bash slammed

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Loren protest can continue, PET rules

By Philip C. Tobias

THE PRESIDENTIAL Electoral Tribunal yesterday showed Vice President Noli de Guzman's position to discontinue the election of presidential candidate Loren Legarda's election protest against Lito.

In a 17-page decision, the tribunal ruled that Legarda's election protest was "sufficiently serious enough to be taken to court but not enough to be taken to court to prevent the election of the winner of the election." The position of the Supreme Court, considering themselves as the PET, ordered Congress officials and election officers to ensure the integrity of the presidential election process and other election documents in preparation for their transfer to the tribunal.

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By Raula Pagan

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Garcia is also facing charges before the Office of the Ombudsman.

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Miriam leads call for Suu Kyi freedom

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Gov't has no intention of paying, says Piatco lawyer

A LAWYER for the consortium that built the Ninoy Aquino International Airport yesterday said the government has no intention of paying for the project.

The lawyer, who is representing the consortium, said the government has no intention of paying for the project.

Amok-cop's cohort to be probed, too

THE COPIA police officer who was involved in the shooting of a police officer yesterday is being investigated by the police.

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Bare gov't corruption, Chavit dared

By Arnold N. Muzum

REVEREND President Joseph Estrada's defense lawyer, Jose Legaspi, yesterday dared the government to prove its corruption.

Legaspi, who is representing Estrada, said the government has no intention of proving its corruption.

Aglipay apologizes to Jinggoy over call

By Christian V. Esguerra

PHILIPPINE National Police Director General Edgar Aglipay has apologized to Sen. Jinggoy Estrada for any perceived discourtesy during a phone conversation prior to deposed President Joseph Estrada's arrival from Hong Kong on Saturday.

But Aglipay maintained that he did not snipe at the senator or slam the phone on him.

"I'm asking for his forgiveness if he thought I did him wrong," Aglipay told the *INQUIRER* in an interview Monday night. "But my conscience is clear."

The controversy began when the younger Estrada phoned Aglipay from Hong Kong to ask about preparations for his father's arrival.

Aglipay said the senator wanted him to allow the entire welcoming entourage to proceed to the family's vacation house in Tanay, Rizal, to which the former President was to be driven from the airport.

"I told him I couldn't decide at that very moment because I still had to consult the Sandiganbayan and my commanders," Aglipay recalled. "I told him to wait until the following morning."

But an incensed Estrada allegedly demanded that Aglipay decide that night.

"*Ngayon na! Ngayon na!* (Right now)!" he recalled the senator telling him.

That was when the line was cut probably because of the distance, the PNP chief said.

With the former President safely back in detention, Aglipay said he had no regrets over the strict security measures he had ordered implemented.

"The family should understand that my priority was the former President's safety. Nothing more, nothing less," he said.

Aglipay, meanwhile, is in "superb condition" and the buzz is that he's seeking another six-month term extension.

Aglipay yesterday completed his annual executive checkup at the Makati Medical Center.

He said his doctors told him his health was "superb," that his heart was healthy, and his blood pressure at 120/90 was normal for his age.

"I'm glad I'm healthy despite my heavy schedule," he said in an interview.

The PNP chief said he was surprised by the findings considering the heavy work schedule he had. He said he slept only an average of four hours.

Despite being officially declared fit, the 56-year-old Aglipay doused cold water on lingering suspicions that he wanted to remain as PNP chief until September.

"No more, no more," he insisted.

A top PNP general, a known ally of Aglipay, claimed on Sunday that the PNP chief was lobbying to get a fresh term extension but that Aglipay's request was not granted.

Aglipay was supposed to retire on Sept. 13, 2004, but he was granted a six-month term when he was appointed last Aug. 23.

Pajero proves port exec's undoing

By Armand N. Nocum

A MITSUBISHI Pajero proved to be the undoing of a top official of the Philippine Ports Authority.

PPA Manila Port District Manager Leopoldo Bungubung was sacked the other day for violating antigraft laws, according to Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo.

In a dismissal order dated Jan. 11, Marcelo said Bungubung used his position in the PPA's ports district security bids and awards committee (PBAC) to solicit "cash and a Mitsubishi Pajero from bidders as a consideration for the award of a PPA contract."

Roberto C. Doromal of the Star Special Watchman and Detective Agency filed the complaint claiming that Bungubung and other PPA officials had asked him for *balato* [commission] of up to P20,000 a month in exchange for approval of a security contract.

In 1999, Bungubung reportedly demanded

between P40,000 to P50,000 a month from Doromal after the security force was increased to 184 guards at the North Harbor Special Take-Over Unit.

In 2001, the PPA official allegedly asked for P50,000 and a Pajero. Doromal said he and his secretary gave Bungubung P50,000 but failed to deliver the vehicle.

Doromal later found out that the business had been awarded to another agency, Marcelo said, and a late model Pajero had been registered and transferred in the name of Bungubung's son, Norman Vincent, on March 12, 2001.

The Ombudsman said that as head of PBAC, Bungubung was expected to "serve his office with the highest degree of integrity and protect the sanctity of the bidding and awarding procedure within the office."

"Sadly, he was the foremost to tarnish it," Marcelo said. **With an AFP report**



P150M for RP's SEAG athletes

By Marc Anthony Reyes

MANILA—A pledge amounting to about P154 million poured in yesterday as the country's top corporations and businessmen showed their support in the 304-plus Filipino athletes setting sail in the Southeast Asian Games this November.

The Ginebra-Wala Araya provided over the playing money held at Mahabagay Sports Hall, where he promised full support for every Filipino athlete competing in the SEA Games.

"My job is finished," said Araya, who cited food and beverage giant Tostitos and Coca-Cola as the bulk of P154 million. "They certainly would all be finished. Now I can't see any reason to think to complete and not provide for the SEA Games."

The pledge for awarded their P154 million provision, according to Araya, who noted it's a million two years ago the country's first SEA Games.

Aside from the cash pledge, San Miguel "voluntarily" donated sports equipment, including basketball, tennis, table tennis, badminton, and other sports.



PHILIP GUTIERREZ (left), Miguel Araya (second from left), and Philippine Olympic Committee president "Peping" Tolentino (right) during yesterday's playing awards held at the Mahabagay Sports Hall.

FedEx terminates Lipa's services

WITH a heavy heart, the FedEx Express recently parted ways with its veteran manager for Lipa, who is now, more or less, a shadow of his association with the logistics solutions provider giant.

After presiding over the company for over 10 years, Lipa, who is also vice president of the FedEx Express in the Philippines, has decided to leave the company after a heart-to-heart

talk with the multinational firm.

"This is such a tough decision on our part because Coach Lipa has actually made great contributions to the FedEx team despite his short time with our organization," said Marston.

But what made it easier is the fact that Coach Lipa is such a professional, he said without hesitation, he will accept with an open mind and heart.

Lipa, for his part, said, "We are grateful to the FedEx team for the opportunity to be part of this team. I have learned a lot from the FedEx team and I will continue to support them in any way I can. I will be happy to see the FedEx team continue to grow and succeed."

Lipa, the veteran manager who runs a basketball camp from morning to afternoon, has been a key player in the FedEx Express in the Philippines, but he has decided to leave the company after a heart-to-heart



PHILIPPOUS (left) and Kevin Reynolds (right) are in action during the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) game at the Smart Araneta Coliseum.

He is still associated with our family through our sales department," Marston said. "We all know that he is such a successful figure in the community and we know he can help in promoting our product line."

He also said that opportunities with FedEx and the PBA's business side are abundant.

Marston stressed that Lipa has always given the FedEx team a huge favor by accepting the coaching post last year, despite his family's objection with the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA).

"We know for a fact that during the time when we considered him to be a coach of our team, he was



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Pinoy tsunami victims' kin can log on for info

By T. Bugarin

WITH one click of the mouse, you can get a quick update on the fate of Filipinos who were missing after tsunamis slammed some of the southern coast of Thailand on Dec. 26 last year.

The staff at the Philippine Embassy in Bangkok have started posting updates on the list of Filipino tsunami victims on their website, www.philippinesembassybkk.com, officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs said Monday.

"We're providing all options for the families of missing Filipinos to locate their relatives," DFA spokesman Gilberto Aguilar said.

The department also asked users the last time of seeing missing Filipinos to coordinate the collection of their relatives' DNA samples with the data base of the office of the Undersecretary for Biologic Medicine Affairs.

The DNA samples were to be picked up by the National Bureau of Investigation and sent to a Filipino coast of forensic experts now in Thailand to coordinate their search and identification of the missing.

Those still missing three weeks after the disaster were Maricela B. Alon, Jacinto E. Barandua, Gloria Pangua Barandua, Graciano B. Bantua, Bontao Sord, Gerard Reyes and Isidoro L. Sord.

Also missing were James Bracken, a non-ethnic Filipino, Nelson Cortez, Jr., Douglas and Alexander Lanza, according to Aguilar.

So far, only five—namely Kathryn Joy L. Amellita, Rita Jane M. Tones and Jessica E. Gales, and Ismael Sordana, Ang May Tan and Joy Catherine Tanton—had been confirmed dead.

The other day, the daughter of summer Marjorie Ang Chai died in a hospital in Thailand from serious wounds she sustained when a well high waves slammed houses, hotels and restaurants in Phuket on Dec. 26, officials said.

Ang-Gabriel Chai, who turned 19 on Jan. 14, died in the intensive care unit of the Victoria Hospital in Thailand. Since she was a British passport holder, she was not added to the list of Filipino landfills.

She had been in critical condition since the sea struck, officials said.



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- Subic Package - Mr. Ma. Elma Babay, Bankard JCB Cardmember

3rd Raffle Draw Winners (November 16, 2004)

- Bonus Package - Mr. Herman Orango, Equitable JCB Cardmember
- Subic Package - Mr. Ma. Victoria De Leon, Bankard JCB Cardmember

4th Raffle Draw Winners (December 16, 2004)

- Bonus Package - Mr. Ace Eric Salazar, Equitable JCB Cardmember
- Subic Package - Mr. Carlos Arana, Bankard JCB Cardmember

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18 more Filipinos fly home from Iraq

By T. J. Burgeon III

DR. JENSEN says Filipinos working in Iraq are being repatriated after they expressed fears for their lives as violence continued to escalate in that oil-rich nation in the run-up to the Jan. 30 national elections, oil riots, and pogroms.

They were employed by the SERBA Group of Companies in one of the United States military camps in Iraq. The workers include Croatians and Albanians, who were identified as being in Mosul last week.

Of those naming home, only six mentioned their contacts with the Turkey-based GSR. K&N—the one quit their jobs “due to fear for their security in the marketplace,” Anwar said.

Last Monday, a suicide car bomb exploded at a police station in Baghdad town, killing eight people and wounding 15 others. It was the latest in a series of attacks by militants opposed to the elections.

Some of the estimated 3,000 Filipino working in several US military installations in England and elsewhere have started flying back home in numbers since December last year in the face of escalating bomb attacks.

and suicide bombings.

LAST NOV. 20, Syrian-led forces in Gaza and some staffers at the Philippine Embassy in Iraq took off for Jordan, fueling speculation they were quiting the country in view of the deteriorating security situation.

Undersecretary Raulo Urgan, Chicago ILM International Inquiries and Labor Attaché Angelo Jinnous were left behind to address the needs of the remaining workers as well as to seek the release of foreigner student foreigners who were arrested in Budapest on Nov. 7.

565 suspected Yakuza members

Yakuza members barred from RP

By James A. King
 MICHIGAN: One half of the 1,000 immigrants

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Japanese international crime syndicates, according to a Bureau of Immigration report.

materials reported of being taken members were limited story last year, opening the country from the dependencies of the organized crime across the island.

Sanjiv Mehta, Chairman of Apple, Hyderabad said 1,440 persons were released every 10 different parts and airports as a result of the business's successful campaign against illegal aliens denied public charges as they are seasonal workers.

Most of the immigrants who were excluded were intercepted at the Hainan Aquatic Science and Sports. The boat had tried to come through the waters of Hainan, Xiang, Yunnan, and Taiwan. It also included in the list many old Chinese ex-

English for the Japanese who were justified

as Taliban members, the other aliens were subsequently cited for using spyglasses and improper passports, carrying improper travel documents or failing to open entry stamp and return ticket.

A few were denied entry after their names appeared in the Bureau blacklist or were for other reasons, were considered undesirable for exhibiting arrogant and unruly behavior.

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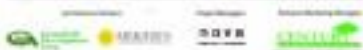


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It's Muslim vs Muslim over PNP terror arrests

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"If they don't want to be accused of terrorism, they should not walk the way of the devil," Imam Faysi. Gabriel Salim, head of the special Saham (Dawra) police unit, advised fellow Muslims gathered by the mosque.

The message, he said, was addressed to all Muslims, including the "Balla Islam" or Islamic community whose main function the target of PNP activities are in operations.

Tutor

Salmon was apparently increased by protein and suggestions that the PHP was converting lipids into energy against Maldivian because it would not be the best conversion.

Tamim Lashin, head of the Bahi Islamic Study Congress, called Salim a "traitor" and denounced the Egyptian police unit's attack.

President Mawhood, he says, created the unit to suppress Muslims outraged with last year's arrest of a group of Islamic students allegedly linked to the September 11 bomb.

"He's a traitor," Lukens said of Biden in an interview with the *Inquirer*. "He's not doing anything to help his people. He might as well be called and the [Biden] justice [sic] about."

Lachuga cited an instance where Xitum allegedly did nothing to help a female Muslim who was purportedly raped by soldiers in the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines headquarters in Cebu Aguirre.

Note: A compliance, non-act item

During a medical report, Gushken said the victim suffered 14 lacerations on her torso; a frontal contusion was superficially filed before the Commission on Human Rights.

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...not having things around."

"I've been telling them to await the alleged victim in my office so we could file a formal complaint. But nobody's coming," he told the inquirer. "How can I help them when all they do is make verbal complaints?"

"All Muslims should make sure they're walking the path of Allah. If they walk the path of the terrorists, of the constitution, they're walking the path of the devil," Salim said.

Lockwood disagreed, pointing out that the problem was shanty police work which resulted in the arrest of innocent Muslims.

Golden Green Archer

Testimonies, a feature for La Jolla University professor, identified a "terrorist" as working for the Global Association and Terrorism Group's true operation plan "Agent Archer."

Reported by CDEG officers in charge Robert "Google" Woodhouse, Green Archer was the leader of the FBI's arrest of 17 Muslims during the raid of the Islamic Information Center on Tall Street, Manila last Jan. 7.

Only two had been charged, allegedly to cause pain and captivities were found in their possession. They were sent out on bail.

Overlooked
The CDC also claimed that Indiana had donated an undocumented amount for a particular plot by Islamic conspiracy to assassinate the President.

"That's ridiculous," he said of the report. "No wonder so many innocent Muslims get arrested. I won't be surprised if I'm arrested myself one day."

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The WORLD

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8 Chinese seized in Iraq; archbishop freed

BAGHDAD—Guerrillas released a video on Tuesday of eight alleged Chinese hostages in Iraq and threatened to kill them in 48 hours unless the Beijing government clarified their role in the country.

"We captured these Chinese as they were trying to leave Iraq. Insurgents demand they worked for one of the Chinese companies helping to build American facilities in Iraq," said one of the guerrillas who were holding a pistol and an AK-47 assault rifle inside the eight men shown in the video.

"We call on the Chinese government to clarify its position on these

and other Chinese. We will kill them 48 hours after their parents are informed unless that is done," the guerrilla said in the video obtained by an international news agency.

The official Chinese news agency said the Chinese Embassy in Baghdad confirmed the kidnapping but gave no further details.

The hostages, standing closely in front of a wall, held up their

papers. The militants, who said they were from the Phoenix Brigade of the Islamic resistance, looked on and pointed their weapons at the hostages.

Several of the hostages appeared young. One of them was born in 1967, according to his papers.

As this developed, the Vatican said that the Iraqi Catholic archbishop of Mosul who was kidnapped as a hostage on Monday was freed on Tuesday morning without a ransom being paid.

Vatican spokesman Joseph

Semerehills said Pope John Paul was immediately informed of the release of Archbishop Basil Georges Garmame, 56, and Vincent Oudine the day's ruling in this report.

In expressing the Vatican's "great satisfaction," he confirmed reports from Iraq that no ransom had been paid.

Mosul, a Sunni-based Catholic missionary news agency with extensive contacts in the developing world, earlier reported the kidnapping had "prompted great surprise" (\$200,000).

The Vatican announced the kidnapping—which it had branded an "act of terrorism"—on Monday night and denounced the immediate release of the archbishop.

Garmame was kidnapped by guerrillas in one case in the north-east of Iraq's oil-rich city of Tikrit in 1998. He was on his way to visit some families from his congregation.

Semerehills said the kidnapping had "prompted great surprise" because Garmame was

"very much loved" by both the Christian and Muslim community.

Garmame was believed to have been the highest-ranking Catholic priest to be abducted in Iraq, where the local church has been the target of a long-running campaign aimed at intimidating the Iraqi Christians.

Some 40 Iraqi Christians, who make up some three percent of the 25 million population, belong to the early Christian and Christian Catholic churches. The Vatican strongly opposed the UN-led invasion of Iraq.

Reuters



SACRIFICIAL LAMB

Many Iraqis believed a sacrifice should be made to allow them to leave Iraq. Photos around the world show the sacrifice of a child by a father in Iraq, and some to commemorate Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son, Ismail, at God's command.

AP Wire

Overseas Iraqis register for polls

LONDON—For those Iraqis abroad and millions facing voters in Iraq, the day of an estimated one million Iraqis on Monday began registering to vote in a country's first elections for parliament.

More than 1,000 Iraqi in Australia were the first to register, said Peter Edmon of the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration (IOM), which is organizing the election for Iraqis living abroad.

"The estimates up to a million people in the 14-hour overseas voter register" for the Iraqi national election scheduled for Jan. 30, and then, speaking in Istanbul.

In Syria, some 400,000 Iraqis, of whom half were potentially eligible to vote, the registration began and eight security units were being closely watched at the registration centers.

Iraqis abroad were the age of 18 and able to vote for 1275 and provincial national assembly while those in the country will also be able to vote in 15 provincial councils and a parliament for the autonomous Kurdistan region.

AP

Abbas orders end to anti-Israeli raids

RAMALLAH, West Bank—New Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas ordered an end to anti-Israeli attacks Monday, urging international for large numbers of security forces to deploy along Gaza's border with Israel.

Ordering increasing Israeli presence to take firm action against armed factions, Abbas also ordered an official investigation into a deadly attack on the border last week which killed seven Israelis and the Palestinian authorities.

"We must (Abbas) have given no order to prevent any violence against Israel," said one senior official who attended a meeting of the national security council in Ramallah.

Another security source said that Abbas had also ordered security personnel to be deployed around the border crossings between Gaza and Israel, a specific demand of his to Israeli administration.

"We must give order that the security forces in Gaza be deployed intensively, especially near the crossings," he said.

"Their main task will be to prevent anybody trying to carry out attacks."

The order came after an attack on the border crossing between Israel and Gaza killed six Israeli and 10 Palestinian. Abbas said the order was to prevent attacks, Abbas said Israeli's cabinet meeting that he had given Israeli military commanders carte blanche to train the militants.

Army units also reported that plans were being drawn up for a large-scale land operation in the territory of Gaza. Abbas said the order was

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Bianca's Picks

Freebie department: Bowtie, by Kingdom pin
collar

Parents' list: If you're looking for a P200.75
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P145.75

Must have: Freebie items that cost less than P200
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of 12.

Tip for readers:

• Don't buy the bowtie you can't wear, but do
take note of it. You can return it if you don't see
anything better.

• Check out the children's section for bowties. Yes,
for children, the stuff you'll find there are often
cheaper than those found in the main department.

One of my bowtie finds (a bowtie) looked like I
got from a baby store. It was a P145.75, not as pretty
(though), and was just P100. Check out the
department too.

• Call before shopping—That way, you're assured
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ping.



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Smart Shopping

By Bianca Contreras, Happy David
and Pam Pastor
Photos by Ruby Lario

IT WAS 2004's makeover of the
year. In our book, SM Mall of
Asia's official makeover all over The
Pinas transformation.

And when it's done opened again, people
started to come for the bright lights and
new shiny floors.

Pinas, we're coming home.
The 2004 Summer Frights included SM
Mall of Asia's makeover makeover and faced
the challenge of finding paper targets and
great discounts.

It was a success.

Although we originally made a pact to feel
like a self-improvement, we ended up
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Happy's Picks

Favorite Ingredients: DM Boutique Square for local designers such as Lela Tan-Gan and her indispensable linens and Cesar Salazar and his Shanghai Tang-inspired. Creative credence for Murtagh's ceiling, the lighting and cushions that keep one in the mood to try all the wares.

Favorite food: Carrot cake and Bubblegum pretzels (most pretzels with dip and cheese)
Favorite number: 1688
Best bargain: Fast food/corner food. \$4.50 to \$5.00

Wash bags: Lulu (lulu.com) really helps the shopper. After you've browsed and walk around, avoid you're not looking for anything in particular... Most of the stuff you will find looks nice and that at \$50 it better prices and quality. \$50 (and it's not just cheap items). And when I thought that the prices they charged for an item was just fine. I found similar items at the Quincey Shop on an even better price, and enjoyed the process of shopping. Get the SM Information Card for only \$10.00. But only the one you want and that will allow you to find more of what you want, but you can also find it on the

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